THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) According to the information furnished by the State Government of Orissa, there is no such proposal under consideration of the State Government for establishment of a new university entailing an outlay of Rs. 50.00 million.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

History, Ancient Indian History, Cullture and Archaeology as identical subjects

2151. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UGC treats History, Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology as equivalent/identical subjects-disciplines; and

(b) if so, why did it set up separate centres of advanced study at Kolkata and Aligarh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the UGC does not treat History, Culture and Archaeology as equivalent/identical subjects-disciplines.

(b) Under its Scheme of Special Assistance Programmes (SAP), UGC identifies Universities/Departments which have potential for research in various subjects. Accordingly, under the SAP, the UGC has identified, among others, the following Universities/Departments as Centres for Advanced Studies:

(i) Aligarh Muslim University for History.

(ii) History Department in Calcutta University as Department of special assistance.

Proposal for setting up of a Campus in Sri Lanka by NT Chennai

2152. SHRI C. .RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai propose to set